

NC Department of Health and Human Services

Division of **Medical Assistance**



**Update on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
MH/DD/SAS
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TBI Waiver History

Session Law 2009-451, SECTION 10.72A.(a)

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, in conjunction with the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall report on the feasibility and efficacy of applying for Medicaid waivers from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The report shall recommend whether the following waivers should be pursued and the reasons therefore:

-(3) A 1915(c) waiver to permit individuals who sustain traumatic brain injury after age 22 to access home and community-based Medicaid services. The report and recommendation shall include the estimated cost to implement the waiver.

Development of TBI Waiver Study

- **Brain Injury Advisory Committee**
 - consumers, families, advocates, providers
- **DMA/DMHDDAS submitted report to General Assembly on 12/1/2010**
 - Brain Injury Advisory Committee reviewed report
- **Unanimous support to pursue 1915 (c) wavier for individuals with TBI**

TBI Waiver Study

- **~160,000 survivors of TBI in NC**
- **Long term service needs:**
 - Financial support
 - Community services
 - Professional and agency knowledge of available TBI services
 - Education of professionals working with TBI
 - Housing
 - transportation

TBI Waiver Study

TBI Waiver Purpose

- Community alternative for individuals with TBI who reside in nursing facilities or
- Individuals with TBI in community who are at risk for placement in a nursing facility
- Reintegrate & maintain individual in the community
- Receive targeted TBI services and supports

TBI Waiver Study

Target Population

- TBI after age 22
- Meets nursing level of care criteria
- Cognitive, behavioral and physical deficits
- Rating of 5+ on Rancho Los Amigos Level of Cognitive Functioning Scale
- Function limitations in major life activities
- Care/treatment needs for extended duration

TBI Waiver Study

TBI Waiver Cost Projections

- Maximum of 200 recipients served—gradual build-up of slots
- Maximum annual cost of \$90,000
- Average annual cost of \$67,000/recipient
- SFY 2010 \$612,000
- SFY 2011 \$1.2 million
- SFY 2012 \$2.4 million
- SFY 2013 \$3.6 million
- SFY 2014 \$4.8 million

TBI Waiver Study

Suggested TBI Service Array (includes):

- Case Management
- Structured Day Programs
- Respite Care
- In-home/Residential Services
- Environmental & Vehicle Modifications
- Family & Caregiver Trainings
- Supported Employment
- PT, OT, MH/SA clinical services

TBI Waiver Study

TBI Waiver Start-Date

- State Appropriation
- New MMIS system
- CMS approval of 1915(c) waiver
- Development of service array in community

Questions